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SUBJECT: SOCIAL COMPENSATION RESULTING FROM HALT IN
GREENLAND SALMON FISHERY IN 1974.

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1. THE FAST DEVELOPING DECISIONS CONCERNING THE
GREENLAND SALMON FISHERY REFERRED TO IN REFTEL RESULTED
IN A BAN ON SALMON FISHING OFF GREENLAND BEFORE THE
1974 SALMON MIGRATION HAD REACHED ALL AREAS OF THE
COAST. AS A RESULT, MANY SMALL-CRAFT FISHERMAN LOCATED
IN REMOTE AND ISOLATED AREAS WERE NOT PERMITTED TO TAKE
SALMON WHEN THE FISH FINALLY CAME WITHIN REACH.

2. FOR SUCH FISHERMEN, INCOME FROM SALMON FISHING
CONSTITUTES AN IMPORTANT PART OF THEIR LIVELIHOOD.
DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD BETWEEN GREENLAND AND DANISH
OFFICIALS ON WHAT COULD BE DONE TO HELP THE FISHERMEN
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3. THE MINISTRY FOR GREENLAND AND THE GREENLAND
PROVINCIAL COUNCIL DECIDED THAT A SOCIAL COMPENSATION
SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE FISHERMEN WHO SUFFERED A LOSS
OF INCOME BECAUSE OF THE FISHING BAN. IT WAS AGREED
BY THE TWO AGENCIES THAT THE MEASURE WOULD BE A ONE-
TIME ACTION AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY FUTURE ACTION.
THE TOTAL COMPENSATION WHICH WILL BE SHARED WAS FIXED
AT 561,500 DANISH KRONER, SLIGHTLY OVER US \$100,000,
WITH EACH AGENCY SHARING HALF OF THE COST.
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